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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

YOUR correspondent called on Secretary of the Treasury Gage, after his return from Milwaukee and asked the Secretary to somewhat further elucidate his financial creed as given to the American Banker's Association. Mr. Gage replied that he hardly cared to go into the subject more extensively at this time as he was just preparing his annual report, and that to do so would be "to steal the thunder" from that. "Then I understand that an elucidation of those ideas and the methods by which they may be carried out will form the chief topic of your report?" was asked. "Not precisely. I did not say that," the Secretary replied. "But substantially?" "Well, to a considerable extent." "Mr. Secretary, the papers opposed to the administration are charging you with favoring the bankers at the expense of the people and that by your system you would put the people entirely in the power of the bankers." "Of course, that was to be expected. But that arises from a wrong conception of the facts. Those papers don't, or won't, appreciate that the prosperity of the bankers depends upon the prosperity of the people, that their interests are identical." "Would you not place in the hands of the bankers the power to inflate or contract the currency at will?" "My idea is simply to get the government out of the banking business. That is not its province and it is the province of the banks. But you must wait for my annual report for further details."

ABOUT A CLEAN SWEEP

The boundaries of the fire were from East State street to Front street, to Grove street to Second street, to New street, to Railroad avenue. In all this territory there is but one house left standing—the brick building of Elisha Freeny—which the firemen saved after a hard fight. If it had burned it would have spread the fire to all that part of the town on the Maryland side. As it is, no property was destroyed on that side.

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD OFFICE

which was on fire several times, was saved after determined fighting, as were also the churches and the hotel and bank building. The post office was burned, but the mails were saved. In all more than sixty buildings were burned.

MANY ARE FINANCIALLY RUINED

Grief reigns among those who are homeless, many of whom are financially ruined by the fire. Thirty or forty families had to depend upon their neighbors for shelter. Every store in the town was burned, but two, and they are small ones.

During the fire the wind was blowing almost a hurricane, and more than fifty houses were burning at one time. The roar of the flames could be heard many blocks, the smoke, it is estimated, will not reach half the loss.

FIRST CABINET MEETING.

President Roosevelt returned from New Haven Thursday morning, and on Friday morning held the first fully attended Cabinet meeting of his administration.

He somewhat surprised his Cabinet by the announcement that he would write his entire message himself instead of calling upon the various members to write those portions dealing with the work of their respective departments. He further stated that it was his intention to state the facts, without making recommendations, in regard to several of the important matters Congress would have to consider. He read some excerpts from the message and the impression of his advisers was that the paper would be a conservative type production, probably somewhat shorter than has heretofore been the case. It is said that he will recommend the establishment of a Department of Commerce and Industry.

DROWNED MAN'S BODY RECOVERED

The body of Howard Murray, aged 21 years, of Blackwell, was found in a ditch near Delaware City Tuesday by Thomas McDonough, who was searching for driftwood. Murray was employed on scows of the Virginia Dredging Company, and on the night of October 15th he made a misstep and fell overboard while working off Delaware City. The body had been washed in from the river. It was taken in charge by Coroner Frick.

RURAL MAIL DELIVERY

It is understood that the rural mail delivery system for Kent and Sussex counties will go into effect December 1st, and that the appointments of carriers will be announced by November 1st. As such carriers will be despatched every morning from the Dover post office, and these will not return early, it is probable that the afternoon mails leaving Dover will be changed from 3:30 o'clock to 5:10 P.M.

THE MANUFACTURE OF PAPER

One of the important industries of Delaware is the manufacture of paper and pulp in which there are six firms and companies with capital of \$2,143,108 engaged. There are 451 persons employed in the industry and their annual wages amount to \$193,783. Last year 14,421 tons of book paper valued at \$1,097,722 and 6,005 tons of pulp, valued at \$71,083, were manufactured in this State.

SECRETARY ROOT RESTORES HIS DESK

Wednesday morning the desk on which the Secretary had been working was restored to him. The desk had been broken in two when the Secretary was in the White House. The desk was restored to him by a carpenter who had been engaged to do the work.

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On Tuesday next elections will be held in several states for state officers. In Maryland the contest is of interest because ex-Senator Arthur Pue Gorman is once more in command of the Democratic forces and is making the disfranchisement of the colored man the issue of the campaign. In preparation for this fight, the Legislature was called in special session and enacted a new ballot law that practically keeps all illiterates from voting. Against these odds the Republicans have put up a stiff fight and by means of their night schools in every precinct and district have been able to get their voters in such shape that they express confidence in the result.

In Pennsylvania the interest lies in the fight against Quayleism in the state and Ashbridgeism in the city of Philadelphia. The Independent Republicans, or "Insurgents," have combined with the better portion of the Democrats who are led by ex-Governor Pattison, and the indications are that the contest in Philadelphia will be very close, with a prospect of the defeat of John Weaver the Republican candidate for District Attorney.

In New York, all interest is centred in the fight against Tammany and for once all opponents of that organization seem to be in harmonious and enthusiastic support of Seth Low who is making a hot fight for Mayor. In this fight, he has an able ally in Justice Jerome the candidate for District Attorney. The latter has been telling some of his own experiences with the police and Tammany officials and has so incurred the enmity of the "Machine" that at least one attempt has been made on his life, and it is charged that the police had knowledge of the plot if they were not the prime movers in it. The chances in New York appear to favor the reformers and the betting is now at odds of 10 to 8 against Shepard. One of the striking features of this contest is the part some of the prominent preachers are taking in the campaign. A number of them are speaking nearly every night and are openly favoring a law to permit the saloons to remain open for the sale of beer, wine and malt liquors all of the Sabbath except during the hours of church service. They take the ground that in this way temperance will be more general than at present and there will be less lawbreaking and less drunkenness.

In the other states, the elections are of hardly more than local interest and all may be expected to vote as in the past. There is no doubt that Virginia will go Democratic, nor that Rhode Island will go Republican.

**FIRE AT DELMAR**

On Saturday last, the town of Delmar was swept by fire, and almost totally destroyed. About sixty buildings, including all the stores in Delmar, the churches, dwellings etc. were burned leaving at least fifty families homeless, and in many cases suffering for food. The people of Salisbury, Maryland, who only a week before had been threatened with a like disaster, were quick to send a carload of provisions to help the citizens over Sunday. This is the second serious fire in less than ten years that Delmar has suffered, and follows close on the rejection by a majority of the people to establish a water system. They sadly learned the lesson on Saturday as they saw their beautiful homes go up in smoke, and have already set about devising a plan to provide protection and to build brick instead of frame dwellings. While the expense of owning and operating a water plant may seem heavy it is cheap in the end. Middletown's plant has been in operation fourteen years, and no fire has yet gotten out of the building in which it originated, and our insurance rates are low when we consider the premiums of from 2 per cent. to 4 per cent. paid in towns like Delmar without such protection.

ATTENTION is called to a communication from one of our most prominent citizens in another column. The charges made therein are serious and demand explanation. The author is pos-

sitive that his information is correct, and states that he has three summons in his possession issued this week to which Mr. Cox's name is signed and which the latter emphatically states he never saw until twenty-four hours after the date written therein.

[COMMUNICATED.]

**PATIENCE EXHAUSTED**

For four years the people of this community have patiently endured an unsufferable nuisance in the person of a called Justice of the Peace. The reason for their not resorting to legal means to depose him did not grow out of any consideration for him, but a neighborly regard for his friends. When his time expired a month ago, it was supposed that deliverance had come from the plunder and outrage which a too amiable people had suffered at his hands. But it seems not so. A short while ago, when the very sad and unfortunate quarrel took place between George B. W. Rhodes and Henry K. Armstrong, which resulted in the arrest of Mr. Rhodes, who was brought before Alfred G. Cox, the new Justice of the Peace, to answer for an assault and battery upon the person of Mr. Armstrong, this Ex-J. P. at once got it into his head that he was the Attorney-General, and with the impudence of the devil, appeared before the magistrate, presuming to represent the State as a public prosecutor, and with extraordinary industry and officiousness intermeddled before and after the hearing, much to the disgust of everyone. It was the plain duty of the new Justice to have committed him to the custody of the Constable and had him locked up. The law of this State does not permit laymen to assume the functions of a lawyer.

Up to the present time the new Magistrate has not put out any sign indicating his official relation. But the said Ex-J. P. still maintains a flaring sign to the effect that he still remains in that official capacity.

Not satisfied with these offences, he has not better than the performance of any other Justice of the Peace, or Ex-J. P. of the State, of whom the State has any record.

For the past week Mr. A. G. Cox, the present Magistrate, has been, and now is ill, and confined to his bed, under the care of a physician. In his absence the aforesaid Ex-J. P. has in his possession the dockets of the said Alfred G. Cox, and issuing summonses etc., to persons to appear before him, William R. Reynolds, one of the Justices of the Peace etc., forthwith, and proceeds to sign, or have someone else to sign the name of Alfred G. Cox J. P. thereto, and issues the same to a Constable to be served and returned, who, of course, had too much sense to regard it.

We want to say that patience is now no longer virtuous. If this enterprising Ex-J. P. does not subside, we will find some way to subdue him. And to the new Magistrate, we want to say that if you have not already gotten your dockets in your possession, you had better get them there at once. Such dereliction of your part is sufficient cause for your removal from office, though undoubtedly you may not be aware of the fact. Those dockets are public property, and many people are interested in them, and you are responsible for their safe keeping. They are not safe in the hands of a person who is so manifestly a proper subject for a commission of larceny.

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**CECILTON SIGHTINGS**  
James H. Smith spent Tuesday at Elton.

Thomas P. Jones, Jr., is on a short visit to his family.

Mr. Robert Ferguson spent a few days in Baltimore this week.

Mr. Noble Ferguson spent Saturday with Mr. Samuel Megill.

Mr. G. W. Townsend is visiting relatives at New Vernon, N. J.

Mr. John Rowan spent part of Monday with relatives in town.

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Oldham Davis, of Elton, was the guest of his parents here on Sunday.

Mr. George Beasor is spending several days with Miss Rosa Biggs in Baltimore.

Mrs. Mollie Loller, of Galena, is the guest of Mrs. William Woolley near town.

Miss Minnie Walker was the guest of Miss Beulah Fillingame a few days of last week.

Mr. Greenwood and Miss Duhadaway were guests of relatives at Massey on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Belle Manlove, of Leonardtown, Md., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Katharine Mattax near town.

Miss Manie Jones returned home on Wednesday after a visit of a few days with friends near Still Pond.

Miss Mattie Lynch, of Warwick, and Mr. H. Penisl, of Chesapeake City, were brief visitors in town on Sunday.

**WARRICK HAPPENINGS**

Miss Helen Eaton, of Odessa, is at home to-day.

Miss Bessie R. Merritt is the guest of Miss Clara Manlove in Cecilton.

Mrs. B. S. Hall visited her daughter, Mrs. E. G. Armstrong, of Odessa, on Monday.

Miss Ethelington, of Cecilton, was pleasantly entertained on Wednesday by Miss Mattie Lynch.

Miss Minnie Smith is quite ill at her home on Wilson Street. She is entertained for her speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wilson was entertained by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Spear, from Friday till Sunday.

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A powder to be shaken into the shoes. Your feet feel swollen, nervous and hot, and get tired easily. If you have smearing feet or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot-Ease. It cures swollen, sweating feet, ingrown nails, blisters and callous spots. Relieves corns and bunions of all pain and gives rest and comfort. Try it to-day. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores for 25c. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

**ST. GEORGES ITEMS**

Miss Elizabeth Riley is visiting friends at Kirkwood.

Miss Mattie Cann is visiting relatives in Wilmington.

Mr. Harry Rickards is visiting friends in Wilmington.

Mr. Orlando A. Sutton was a Wilmington visitor on Thursday.

Miss Delta Moore is being entertained by relatives near Clayton.

Miss Mandie Clark is visiting Miss Florence Cox at Grange Hall.

Mr. Henry Straub's condition we are sorry to report is yet critical.

Miss Sallie Riley spent part of last week with Mrs. Edgar Carrow.

Mr. James Manning spent Sunday with his parents near Middletown.

Miss Bertie Cannon, of Bowersville, spent Sunday with Miss Anna Moore.

Miss Kizzie Miller, of Wilmington, is being entertained by Mrs. Sallie Riley.

Miss Sallie Swartz, of Mt. Pleasant, was the guest of her sister, Miss Beulah Swartz this week.

Mr. Richard Moore is spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Moore.

Miss Mattie Swain, of "Clear View," entertained Miss Mattie Cann, of Kirkwood, on Sunday.

Mrs. J. B. Vail, of McDonough, and Mrs. J. M. Gray were callers at "Clear View" on Tuesday.

Misses Elsie Richards, Alida Price, Florence Jones, Anna Moore and Mattie Swain are visitors in Wilmington.

Mrs. William Hanan and daughter, Miss Beatrice, of State Road, spent Monday with her mother at "Clear View."

Mr. Henry Straub is entertaining two of his daughters, Mrs. E. Clark, of Chicago, Ill., and Miss Carrie Straub, of New Castle.

Miss Gertrude Swain has returned home after spending several days with her sister, Mrs. Samuel Lester, of near Red Lion.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hanan and daughter, Miss Beatrice, of State Road, spent Sunday with her, sister, Mrs. Eugene Gravatt.

Mrs. Sallie Riley and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, were entertained at "Bird's Nest" on Sunday, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Simmons and family.

Misses Anna Moore, Florence Jones and Jodie Crossland were guests of friends at McDonough last Friday, and were accompanied home by Miss Blanche Jones.

Mrs. F. P. Van Heke, Sr., who has for sometime been very sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Carroll, Jr., of near town, we are glad to report is convalescent.

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The only cough medicine at 10 cents that is sold under a guarantee, 10 and 20 cents at Bragdon & Co's.

BULBS.—I have a full line of Bulbs for fall planting, first-class quality. E. J. STEELE, Middletown, Del.

Mr. John Armstrong will make extensive improvements to his store room on West Main street, now occupied by Mr. JAMES H. BURROWS.

CELERY FOR SALE.—Fine Celery ready now for table use, in large or small quantities.—MIDDLETON GREEN HOUSES, E. J. Steele, Florist.

The Middletown library will be open for the securing of books on Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 5:30 o'clock, and on Saturday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending October 24th: Ladies, Miss Anna Truitt. Gentlemen, M. J. Roper.

Many of our local gunners crossed the line yesterday and spent the day in Maryland and while some report game as being plentiful, others returned with the same old story: "Game is scarce."

Gay masquerades, male and female, in costumes most grotesque, had the freedom of the town Thursday evening and enjoyed their celebration of Hallowe'en. It was a night of pleasure for many and of the widest freedom from restraint by the law authorities, but all ended well, and very little destruction has been reported, as was the custom in former years.

The "numm social" given by the members of Epworth League last Friday evening at the residence of Mrs. M. J. Whitlock, on East Main street was a most pleasing affair, and the large crowd that attended spent a delightful evening. Vocal and instrumental music interspersed with select readings added much to the evening program. The "numm" part of the program afforded much amusement for all, and only a few of the many escaped paying fines imposed for talking. The dining-room was prettily decorated, when ice cream, frozen cherries, cakes and candies were sold, which netted about \$3.50 and was considered very good, as there was another social on the same evening, causing the crowd to be divided.

### MIDDLETON SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

On Thursday afternoon the Middletown Shooting Association held their second shoot, and while many of the participants are "beginners" at the sport, the following scores are very creditable to the new organization:

1st event, 10 targets.—Won by James H. Smith, 9; Mr. Duryea and Dr. Barnard, 8; "McDonald," 5; "L. C. Smith," 4; "Winchester," 2; "Heavy Artillery," 5; "Noy Vomica," 5.

2d event, 15 targets.—J. H. Smith, 13; Dr. Barnard, 12; Mr. Duryea, 13; "McDonald," 9; "Cayots," 8.

3d event, club shoot, 25 targets.—Dr. Barnard, 22; Messrs. Duryea and Stephens occupied second position with 18 each, and William B. Kates took third gun with 15 to his credit. "McDonald" got 14 and tied with "Noy Vomica," while "Black Powder" downed 6 and "Winchester," 8.

4th event, 10 targets.—Ellison and Barnard divided honors for high gun with 7 apiece. Kates, Pool and Massey caught 6; "Remington" and "L. C. Smith" killed 5 each; "Winchester," 4; "Visitor" broke 3 and "J. S. Cecil" failed to connect.

5th event, 15 targets.—Dr. Barnard, 12; Kates, 9; Smith, 9; C. Stevens, 9; Dr. Ellison, 9; J. H. Black, 7; H. Pool, 7; "Noy Vomica," 6; "J. S. Cecil," 5; "Black Powder," 4.

6th event, 10 targets.—Dr. Barnard, 9; G. Massey, 8; J. H. Smith, 7; "L. C. Smith," 6; "Winchester," 6, and "Visitor" failed to connect.

7th event, seven pairs double.—Barnard, 10; C. Stephens, 9; McCleary, 9; "Noy Vomica," 6 and "Remington," 8.

Highest straight run 13 for Dr. Barnard, 12 for Mr. Duryea, Massey, 8, and Charles Stephens, 7.

Black Powder and J. A. P. tied for longest straight run of goose eggs and will shoot off on November 14th, "hit and out."

### MURDER AND SUICIDE

Itate because his proposals for marriage had been rejected repeatedly, Elmer A. Pryor in Elkhorn, Md., Wednesday afternoon shot through the heart Miss Eva Davidson, who did not appreciate his attentions, and then directed the revolver against himself, making complete a shocking double tragedy that has stirred the progressive town in Cecil county. The murderer and suicide were committed on the principal thoroughfare. It was observed by several horror-stricken spectators, who were powerless to stay the arm of the determined Pryor before he could complete his deadly intentions. Pryor was about 35 years old and generally was employed as a stationary engineer.

8th event, 15 targets.—Dr. Barnard, 12; Kates, 9; Smith, 9; C. Stevens, 9; Dr. Ellison, 9; J. H. Black, 7; H. Pool, 7; "Noy Vomica," 6; "J. S. Cecil," 5; "Black Powder," 4.

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### INCENDIARISM SUSPECTED

The barn on the farm of Mrs. Sara Calhoun, near Sassafras, Md., was destroyed by fire on Monday night. The building was filled with fine hay, and contained farming implements, etc. The supposition is that the fire was of incendiary origin. No arrests have been made.

Sparks from the burning barn ignited the large straw ricks of Mr. Peter Donahoe. Two of the three ricks, representing Mr. Donahoe's crop of straw, were destroyed, entailing a loss of about \$100. Mrs. Calhoun's building was insured. The fires above are but two of a series of fires which have happened recently in Kent county. The entire stacks of wheat belonging to Elwood Robinson and E. W. Staats were recently consumed. Incendiary is suspected and the origin of the fires are being investigated.

### BASKET BALL

The basket ball season opened at the Opera House in this town Thursday evening. The attendance was not so good as the management had hoped for, but now that the game is introduced and all those who attended speak highly of the contest, it is to be hoped our people will turn out to witness the first game with a visiting team, which we are informed will be soon. The locals who were greatly strengthened by some of the regulars won the score of 13 to 10.

The line up:

Middletown—10 Locals—13  
Crouch... Forward... Foard  
Holten... Forward... Chance  
Ginn... Center... Clayton  
Suydam... Defence... Bickett  
Lockner... Defence... Hukill

### CONDUCTOR DUGAN KILLED

James Dugan, a freight conductor on the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore railroad, was run down by a car and killed Thursday night while preparing to start out on his regular run.

He lived at No. 929 Pine street, Wilmington, and leaves a wife and two children. In the West Yard he stepped on a siding to take the numbers of the cars composing his train. While thus occupied, a freight car was derailed on the same siding by a shifting engine, and slowly drifted toward Conductor Dugan. Before he was aware of its approach, the car had run him down, the wheels passing over his body. Death was instantaneous.

### CHANGE IN POSTAL SERVICE

Commencing October 31st, service by postal clerk was established on Philadelphia, Pa., every day except Sunday.

This train leaves Middletown at 6:05 P. M., and this new service will do away with the locked pouch heretofore sent by the same train to Wilmington and will enable our citizens to receive mail from the Harrington and Lewis branch and the Seaford and Cambridge branch in the evening instead of the next morning, as in the past. All points between Wyoming, Del., and Philadelphia, Pa., will be served by this train.

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## When the General Came . . .

BY HAYS BLACKMAN.

**T**HE parade swept into Beauregard Square, where the reviewing stand had been erected, and slowly past the platform and under the eyes of the great man in honor of whose home-coming man after forty years absence the town of his birth had arranged this celebration.

The General stood well forward in the stand, his hand resting lightly on the military bunting-draped railing. His military bearing would have made him conspicuous in any crowd, and his kindly blue eyes scanned the people below him with eager interest.

Section after section of the parade, really a creditable one for so small a town, passed. Now the State guards, resplendent in their new uniforms bought since the war; now carriages in which rode prominent State politicians, and finally the company that Pattonsburg had sent to Cuba. The General un-covered as the men passed before him, and the colors dipped in salute. It had scarcely replaced his hat when there was a halt in the procession and, following the soldiers, the first float of the flower parade stopped before the reviewing stand.

The float represented Columbus surrounded by his attendants, types of the womanhood of every period of the nation's history. There were a Pocahontas and a Priscilla, Dutch maid from old New York, Puritans and Quakers in the throng, and among them was Mary Dudley, a little less of twelve, a daughter of Professor Dudley, who held the chair of mathematics at the State University. Quaintly garbed in a frock of pink sprigged silk, with a coral necklace about her soft throat, and her sunny curls forming a soft frame for her happy face, the little girl posed as a belle of half a century ago.

The pretty girls on the float looked eagerly at the General, but his eyes were on the soldiers. They meant more to him than any part of the pageant, and his nostrils dilated and his eyes kindled as he looked. Then remembering that his position obliged him to an interest in all, he turned to Columbia and uncovered again. From the beautiful society girl who was the central figure of the float he glanced at her attendants. When his eyes rested on the little figure clad in a frock made from the pink sprigged silk of her grandmother's first party gown, the General started as if he had seen a ghost. Then as the float moved on he bowed deeply, and unpinning a rose from his coat lapel, he leaned far over the rail and threw it down among the girls. The queen of the little throng appropriated both bud and bow, but the rose had fallen just at the feet of little Mary Dudley, and those who knew could tell you that the General's aim was always true.

It was forty years since the General had visited the college town where he was born and where his boyhood and his young manhood were spent. He left a lad, whose only knowledge of soldiering was the knowledge he had gained at West Point. He came home a battle-scarred veteran with whose name and achievements the press of the country had been busy for months. More than one city would have been glad to entertain him, but when the people of his home town invited him, the General put all other invitations aside and came, for the General's loyalty to his friends was one of the many fine traits of his character.

Luncheon at the Dudley home on the day of the General's celebration was a hurried meal. A private reception had been planned for the afternoon at the Lyceum in order that the General might meet his old friends, and Professor and Mrs. Dudley were of the receiving party, so that they had little time to hear Mary's enthusiastic account of the morning's events.

After her father and mother had gone, the little girl went down stairs to the parlor where, over the fire-place, hung two portraits. One was Mary's grandfather. A stately old gentleman he was, but the little girl turned from his picture to that of the sweet-faced lady beside him. All her short life, little Mary Dudley had been told that she was like the grandmother whose name she bore. Only that morning while she waited in the hall, frocked in the sprigged silk, her mother had caught her in a tight embrace that the child knew was given half for her likeness to the grandmother now dead, and she stood now before the portrait with a child's desire to see wherein the likeness lay, and studied the face above her with serious eyes. Mary Baird had been a beauty and a belle forty years before. The portrait, painted when she was just eighteen, showed a face far more beautiful than the face of the child who bore her name, but Mary Dudley had Mary Baird's brown eyes and Mary Baird's golden brown curls; the dainty oval of the pictured face was reproduced in the child's one, and when the girl's portrait was painted she wore the same silk that was made into the frock which her granddaughter had worn in the flower parade.

"When my grandmother was a girl," little Mary Dudley mused, "the General was young, too, and he lived here in Pattonsburg. I wonder if they knew each other. Maybe grandmother danced at the general's ball with him. I believe I'll go over to the Chancellor's house and see Temple; then perhaps I might see the General again if he hasn't gone to the Lyceum."

The Chancellor and Professor Dudley lived in adjoining houses on the college campus and Temple, the Chancellor's youngest son, and Mary were boon companions. The Chancellor had been the General's boyhood friend and the General had lunched at the Chancellor's, and at the very moment that Mary came through the gate that separated the yards he was enjoying a post luncheon stroll along the lower walk.

Temple was waiting for his little playmate. "The General's in the garden. Come on, Mary, and I'll show him to you," he whispered eagerly, as though the General were some rare natural history specimen. He tiptoed across the yard and beckoned. Mary joined him at the garden fence. The great man stood the walk between the

flower beds not twelve feet away. The children stood with clasped hands and feasted their eyes on his glory.

"He's lovely," Mary breathed. "He bowed to me this morning. Oh, Temple, I wish I could ask him if he knew my grandmother!"

"Let's," Temple said boldly. "I ain't afraid. Come on—I dare you to come on—'raid cat'!" he taunted as Mary Baird.

The General looked at his watch while the children hesitated. Evidently he thought it time for him to be at the Lyceum, for he started up the walk in the direction of the house. Mary's courage rose. With the opportunity vanishing, the desire to speak to the great man overcame her.

"He's going!" she gasped. "Quick, Temple, catch him!"

The two scrambled through a gap in the garden fence and scurried up the walk in pursuit of departing greatness. The General rounded the big rose-bush by the gate, the children in his wake. "His coat-tails!" Mary cried in an agonized whisper, forgetting her dignity, "pull his coat-tails. Hurry, Temple; hurry, or he'll be gone!"

Thus adjured, Temple grasped the General's coat-tails firmly, and bracing his teeth against a hillock in the path, pulled. The great man found himself brought to a sudden and ignominious halt. "Why, what is this?" he demanded, turning to face an embarrassed little boy.

Temple had forgotten his manners in the excitement. Now the politeness of his family filled him in his mother and respect for his elders precluded his pulling the General, cap in hand.

He had swung on the General's coat-tails; what awful judgement would fall on this face?

"I—I—you wouldn't stop—we wanted to speak to you—" he stammered and could go no further.

"You wanted to ask me what, young man?" the General said. There was a twinkle in his eye and he laid a reassuring hand on Temple's shoulder.

"Mary," Temple began again, and the General looked over the boy's head at the other culprit.

"This must be the little girl whom I saw in the flower parade this morning," he said, and Temple gathered his scattered wife.

"This is my friend, Miss Mary Baird Dudley, General," he said, drawing Mary forward, "and she wants to meet you now—"

The General took the little girl's hand in his and looked into the wistful brown eyes, big and frightened now.

"I want to ask you if you knew my grandmother, sir," she said shyly; "she lived here in Pattonsburg when you did, you know, and I'm named for her—Mary Baird—and they say I look like her."

Back across forty years the General's memory slipped. He was a lad again home from West Point. He was dancing at the Commencement Ball, and his partner was a girl of eighteen dressed in a sprigged silk frock, her brown eyes dancing, the flushed oval of her face framed in a tangle of golden brown curls. Then the waltz was over and he was out in the starlight with the belle of Pattonsburg and an old story was on his lips.

The music that followed her answer the music floated out from the ball-room, and to this day it hurt the General to hear that waltz. And presently they went back to the lights and the crowd, but a ring that the lad had brought all the way from New York lay in his pocket ready, and the book of the General's love-story was forever closed.

"Mary Baird's granddaughter?" the General said, still holding the child's hand, a far-away look in his eyes. "I thought this morning that she was very like Mary. Her eyes, her very eyes! My dear, you are the image of your grandmother."

A quarter of an hour later when the Chancellor came in search of the General, he found the great man seated on the bench in the garden with the children beside him.

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